

# Spotlight on Catawba

## Location & Climate

Located in the North Central area of the state, the Catawba WIA is comprised of three (3) counties: Chester, Lancaster, and York. This area experiences average temperatures in the low 60s and has between 46.11 and 47.88 inches of precipitation annually.

## Labor Force

The labor force in the Catawba area reached 135,780 in 2002. The 2002 unemployment rate spanned from 6.9% to 13.4%, showing an increase since 2001.

## Population

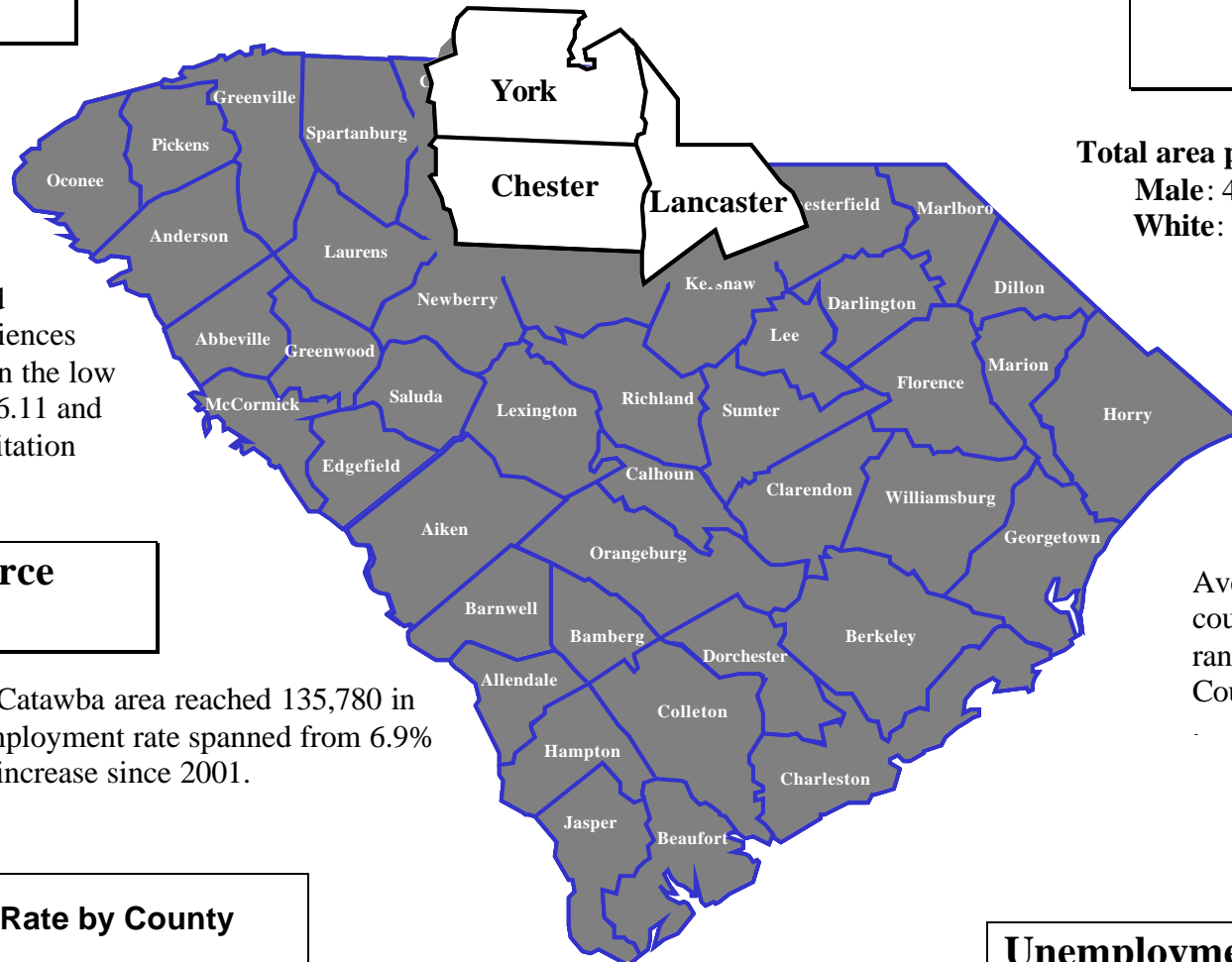
**Total area population 2001:** 265,823

**Male:** 48.7% **Female:** 51.3%

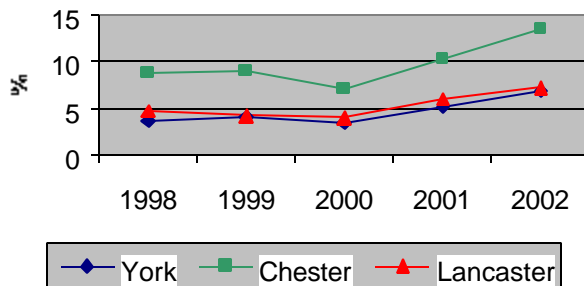
**White:** 73.5% **Nonwhite:** 26.5%

## Employment

Average monthly employment for counties across the Catawba WIA ranged from 12,940 in Chester County to 85,430 in York County.



## Unemployment Rate by County



## Per Capita Income

Per Capita Income for Catawba WIA counties in 2001 ranged from \$19,800 in Chester County to \$26,386 in York County; between 80% and 106% of the state's PCI of \$24,840.

## Unemployment Insurance Benefits

In 2002, Unemployment insurance benefits paid by Workforce centers in the Catawba WIA reached a total of \$27,848,604.